## Remarks

Claims 1-6 are in the case.

Claim 1 has been amended herewith. Basis for the amendment is found at page 17, second paragraph where protein is not limited by molecular weight.

Claims 4, 5 and 6 are new claims.

Basis for new Claim 4 is found in the application as filed at page 17, line 24.

Basis for new Claim 5 is found in the application as filed at page 16, lines 7-9.

Basis for new Claim 6 is found at page 16, lines 7-9 where surgical implant is defined as including a vascular stent. Deployment of a coated vascular stent after angioplasty is shown in Example VI at page 33 of the application as filed.

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